

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said mammal is a human patient.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said TNF-alpha treatment regimen comprises treating said peripheral cell with TNF-alpha.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is requested. If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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